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To whom it may concern,

Over 30,000 farmers in the coastal fringe of Kulon Progo regency, Yogyakarta province are resolutely against the Iron Sands Mining Project being carried out by the Indonesian State in partnership with the Australian Mining Multinational PT Indomine / PT Jogja Mangasa Iron.

They denounce the actions of the local and national government and of the Australian multinational corporation. They denounce military repression by the forces of the state, the brutalization of the local population and all attempts at manipulation and coercion by the mining company, businesses, NGOs and of course, the Indonesian State.

The proposed mine threatens a unique ecosystem and would move sand dunes in Kulon Progo which also serve as a migration corridor of migratory birds. Furthermore, the extraction of iron puts the livelihoods of 123,601 local farmers and fishers at risk. They demand that the mining project is stopped. They also demand an end to the repression of the local people who continue to resist these incursions on the land and communities.

Campaigns have already started and will be continued by many groups if this mining project is not stopped. International awareness and concern will turn to resistance and international solidarity; with Indonesian interests abroad and that of the Australian multinational mining corporation being highlighted as involved in the repression of the people of Kulon Progo and the environmental and social destruction of the area and all its inhabitants.

As other groups have stated, the government of Indonesia is urged to nullify PT JMI's Contract of Work and leave the development of the area to the local people. The violence against the communities must stop. The people do not want this mining project to continue.

Yours sincerely,

Network of Solidarity with the People of Kulon Progo.